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CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefore. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

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### REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the following comments.

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Shosho for the courtesy of the interview recently accorded Applicants' representatives, Mr. Sidney Persley and Mr. Dave Lazar. During the interview, it is believed that Applicants' representatives discussed with the Examiner a proposed amendment of the claims to require hot-melt polyamide resins, in accordance with the specification at page 2, line 13, and the examples. The amendments above effect that amendment, and also delete the recitations to lamination and non-fluorescent, which are no longer needed. Applicants do not believe that any of the amendments introduce new matter. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1-29 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In response, Applicants have canceled "non-fluorescent" from the claims without prejudice to its reinsertion should such reinsertion become necessary.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 15, 16, 18-22 and 29 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Zhu, U.S. Patent No. 6,251,175, taken in view of the evidence in either EP 1219462 or Wexler, U.S. Patent No. 6,454,896.

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Claims 1, 3-10, 12, 13, 15, 17-24 and 26-29 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Trauernicht et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,247,801, taken in view of the evidence in either EP 1219462 or Wexler, U.S. Patent No. 6,454,896.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 15-17, 19, 21-24 and 29 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Mead et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,596,027, taken in view of the evidence in either EP 1219462 or Wexler, U.S. Patent No. 6,454,896.

Claims 1, 11, 15, 23, 25 and 29 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Johnson et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,922,118, taken in view of the evidence in either EP 1219462 or Wexler, U.S. Patent No. 6,454,896.

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-10, 12, 14-15, 17, 19-21, 23-24 and 26-29 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tatum, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,379,441, taken in view of the evidence in either EP 1219462 or Wexler, U.S. Patent No. 6,454,896.

Claims 1-8, 15-22, and 29 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 621319.

In response to *all* of the anticipation rejections, Applicants point out that none of the cited references teaches “[a] non-aqueous ink formulation or dispersion comprising: (a) a *hot-melt polyamide* resin,” and the other recited ingredients, as presently claimed. Consequently, none of these references can anticipate the present claims. In view of this fact, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all of the anticipation rejections.

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Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a bona fide response to all outstanding objections and rejections.

Applicants also believe that this application is in condition for immediate allowance. However, should any issue(s) of a minor nature remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (212) 808-0700 so that the issue(s) might be promptly resolved.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116 and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination and Petition for Extension of Time are being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trade mark Office on the date indicated below:

Date: April 30, 2006

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